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SUBJ: RESPONSIBILITY OF FPMR/D FOR ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT
AGAINST RETIRED AIR FORCE GENERALS LEIGH AND RUIZ

DOI: [REDACTED] APRIL 1990

TEXT: 1. IN [REDACTED] APRIL 1990, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE FPMR/D WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE 21 MARCH 1990 ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT AGAINST FORMER AIR FORCE (FACH) JUNTA MEMBER RETIRED GENERAL GUSTAVO ((LEIGH)) GUZMAN AND THE FORMER CHIEF OF FACH INTELLIGENCE RETIRED GENERAL ENRIQUE ((RUIZ)) BUNGER.

[REDACTED] LEIGH HAD BEEN ON THE FPMR/D'S TARGET LIST [REDACTED] BECAUSE OF LEIGH'S ROLE IN THE 1973 MILITARY COUP WHICH INCLUDED OVERSEEING THE BOMBING OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE (LA MONEDA) WHERE FORMER PRESIDENT SALVADOR ((ALLENDE)) GOSSENS WAS LOCATED AND FOR HIS SUBSEQUENT SUPERVISION OF "TORTURES AND EXECUTIONS."

2. [REDACTED]

3. [REDACTED] THE FPMR/D NATIONAL DIRECTORATE NOW RECOGNIZED THAT NOT ONLY HAD THE LEIGH ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT BEEN A FAILURE BUT IT HAD BEEN A POLITICAL MISTAKE. [REDACTED] THE FPMR/D LEADERS, IN APPROVING THE OPERATION, HAD ONLY FOCUSED ON LEIGH'S ROLE IN THE 1973 COUP AND NOT HIS SUBSEQUENT FALLING OUT WITH PINOCHET AND HIS SUPPORT FOR THE "NO" VOTE IN THE 5 OCTOBER 1988 PLEBISCITE. [REDACTED] MANY FPMR/D MEMBERS HAD COME UNDER SURVEILLANCE SINCE THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT, AND THIS INCREASED SCRUTINY WAS HAMPERING FPMR/D ACTIVITIES. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE NATIONAL LEADERSHIP OF THE FPMR/D NOW REGRETTED HAVING APPROVED THE ACTION AGAINST LEIGH.

4. [REDACTED]

5. [REDACTED] COMMENT: ANOTHER UNINTENDED RESULT OF THE LEIGH ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT MAY HAVE BEEN TO CAUSE THE GOVERNMENT TO REVIEW ITS INTENDED HUMAN RIGHTS STRATEGY. THERE APPEARS TO BE INCREASED

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SENTIMENT AT POLICY LEVELS OF THE GOVERNMENT TO NOT ALLOW HUMAN RIGHTS INVESTIGATIONS AND TRIALS TO TAKE PLACE OVER AN EXTENDED PERIOD, FEARING THIS WOULD ONLY LEAD TO CONTINUING REPRISALS AND COUNTER REPRISALS. THE GOVERNMENT HAS PENDING A PROPOSAL TO PARDON APPROXIMATELY 20 PERCENT OF REMAINING "POLITICAL" PRISONERS.)

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